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Virus Hoax Alert, May 9, 2002

Please be aware of a deceptive virus hoax circulating around the e-mail world that can be just as destructive to your computer as a real virus. The intended purpose of this hoax is to get you to delete a system file on your computer.

This virus hoax has several variations but the most common one is called the teddy bear virus because the target system file, jdbgmgr.exe, has a small teddy bear icon associated with it. It is also called the jdbgmgr virus.

The message itself is a hoax and can do no harm to your system, but, this is where the deception comes in, the message tries to alarm you and convince you to actually delete a system file on your computer. The message includes step by step instructions on how to find the system file and delete it. By obeying the instructions you are not deleting a virus but removing a needed system file.

If you receive a message like this, delete it. Do not follow the instructions and do not forward it to others. Always look for the keys to this type of virus hoax, an alarming message followed by instructions you delete a file on your system.

If you have questions or would like further information, please call the OIT Helpline at 538-6125.

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